



Statement

On Saturday, April 17, 2021, during standard land application operations on a farm field permitted for Emerald BioEnergy fertilizer, certified land application contractor Raw Handling, LLC, immediately reported to Renergy, OEPA, and ODNR that a hose failure occurred resulting in a small volume of material, estimated at 2000 gallons, entering a farm waterway on the site.

OEPA and ODNR were both notified immediately and both dispatched representatives to the site for regulatory oversight. ODNR reported that wildlife was not impacted. OEPA has continuously monitored and approved the clean up efforts made through Saturday and into Sunday morning.

The material leak did not occur on the site of Emerald digester and was a result of an equipment failure. The hose leak has no direct relationship to the operation of Emerald's digester. It is rather an event tied to land application operations managed by an experienced and well respected certified land application contractor.

The reports on social media of entire rivers worth of material being spilled are inaccurate. The individuals who are spreading the information are being misled, and everyone should be aware that this minor incident has been actively monitored by all appropriate regulatory bodies since it happened. Fortunately, there was zero impact to wildlife and the environment was not adversely impacted given the low volume of material involved and the excellent emergency response by Raw Handling and Renergy.

Renergy will continue to fight for the environment by conserving landfill space, producing renewable energy, and providing waste management options that are sustainable. Instead of allowing food to decompose in a landfill, or manure to be used ineffectively, Renergy responsibly puts it to work in a closed-loop system that recycles beneficial resources back to the environment.

Renergy will continue our mission to do what's right for the environment, the state of Ohio and all our fellow buckeyes.